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Appl. No.: 09/835,791  
Applicant: Douglas G. Daniel, Jr.  
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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. In addition, please provide a Three-Month Extension of Time up to and including October 19, 2004 in which to reply to the Office Action as provided for by 37 CFR 1.136. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$980.00 for the Extension of Time fee to Deposit Account 09-0528.

If any other fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required to Deposit Account 09-0528.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 19 of this paper.

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